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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED] EE Division

SUBJECT : Visa - [REDACTED] STATOTHR

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1. I discussed the [REDACTED] case at length with [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] this morning. I believe I have convinced them that the retraction of the visa was not due to personal antipathies or conspiracies by [REDACTED]. I believe they are also convinced that we are not exerting political pressure against her back here. They are ready to accept the possibility, as stated by them, that she could be a Communist agent or sympathizer, but as all their information is contrary to this they wish to get as complete a record of the facts as possible.

2. They were very pleased to learn that we were taking further action. I did not specify our action in regard to the [REDACTED] authorities, but understand you are taking steps to see if they have further pertinent information aside from their conclusions. I did say that we were asking for an up-to-date report from other official sources in [REDACTED] to see if any further investigation or information is available.

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3. [REDACTED] plans to conduct some additional information himself. He said he plans to interrogate further persons in the [REDACTED] and try to locate former acquaintances [REDACTED] days who might give evidence as to her views and sympathies. He also has some people who are in this country whom he plans to interrogate further. Some of their names are in the attached memorandum, which may be of interest to you.

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4. [REDACTED] did ask if we could check a couple of things not for him but to put them in the record if possible. He said there was some correspondence between the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] when she was at [REDACTED] which was retained by the Camp authorities. He felt if this were available it should be obtained. I said we might request it but had little hope of locating the documents.

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25X1C 5. As Exhibit D in Volume No. 1 of the Captain's submissions,

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of that group and her conduct was correct and her loyalty to the United States authorities beyond question. [REDACTED] is wondering how such a report could come out at the same time adverse information was going to the consul. I said I assumed that this was an administrative group which had no responsibility for or knowledge of the security aspects and, consequently, had no reason to state other than in their 10 July memorandum. He thought if possible this might be looked into.

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6. I will request Mr. Harlow of the Visa Division, Department of State, merely to hold off action on the case until both [REDACTED] inquiries and our own further investigation are completed. I think the relation with [REDACTED] is now very friendly and [REDACTED] appears to understand the circumstances of the case and be satisfied that it is not being mishandled.

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